

REMARKS

Claim 14, 18, 19 and 21-24 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer and claims 34-38 are newly added. Support for the new claims may be found throughout the embodiments disclosed in the originally filed specification. No new matter has been added. Accordingly, claims 4-13, 15-17 and 25-38 are pending, of which claims 4-13, 15-17 and 25-33 have been withdrawn.

Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in light of the following remarks are requested.

Objection to the Specification

The specification was objected to for allegedly failing to provide proper antecedent basis the “informing unit” feature. Applicant traverses this objection for at least the following reasons.

According to one non-limiting embodiment, the microcomputer 21 may inform the power supply controller 16 of the status of information stored in the E2PROM 26. [See e.g., pg. 17, line 24 – pg. 18, line 7].

For at least this reason, withdrawal of the objection to the specification is earnestly sought.

Rejections

In the Office Action:

- Claims 18, 19 and 21-24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement.
- Claims 18, 19 and 21-24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,057,051 to Uchida et al. (“Uchida”).
- Claims 18, 19 and 21-24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Uchida in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0023087 to Redmond (“Redmond”).

- Claims 18, 19 and 21-24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Uchida in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0022168 to Faris et al. ("Faris").

Applicant disagrees with the propriety of these rejections. However, solely to expedite prosecution, Applicant has cancelled claims 18, 19 and 21-24 and therefore, the rejections thereof are moot. For at least this reason, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of each of these rejections.

New claims 34-38

Claim 34 recites subject matter drawn to an electronic apparatus [See Group I, claims 1-3 which Applicant originally elected and claims 18, 19, and 21-24].

Independent claim 34 recites, *inter alia*, the features of:

a remaining-amount acquiring unit configured to acquire the remaining amount of fuel in the tank; and

a remaining-amount control unit configured to inform an operating system run on the body of the value obtained by subtracting a predetermined value from the remaining amount acquired by the remaining-amount acquiring unit.

Applicant submits that claim 34 is patentable over Uchida, Redmond and/or Faris. Claims 34-38 depend from independent claim 34 and are therefore, patentable for the same reasons as claim 34 and for the additional features they recite individually.

Conclusion

All matters having been addressed and in view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request the entry of this Amendment, the Examiner's reconsideration of this application, and the immediate allowance of claims 34-38.

Applicants' Representative remains ready to assist the Examiner in any way to facilitate and expedite the prosecution of this matter. If any point remains in issue

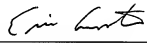
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